

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 550  
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cates on the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1942, Clyde Cates and Maxine Horton were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cates have been highly respected citizens of the Hampton community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cates served with acumen and alacrity as a school teacher and guidance counselor at Hampton High School, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and students alike; he was an extremely talented educator who worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cates is a homemaker; she routinely transforms the Cates' home into a sanctuary of beauty, warmth, and hospitality, refreshing the spirits of all who there enter; and

WHEREAS, to this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage was born one son, Mack; and

WHEREAS, the Cates are also blessed with three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 61 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Cates' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Clyde and Maxine Cates on the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.